

ACTION IN BONUS BILL WILL NOT BE FORCED

Plans Made to Take Care of
Soldiers When Means
Are Found.

MAY BE THIS SESSION

Charges of Democrats Will
Not Hasten Programme
of G. O. P. Leaders.

MAY RESUME CAUCUSES

Majority Party in Congress
Considers Move to Carry Out
Campaign Pledges.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

New York Herald Bureau,
Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.
Republican leaders in Congress let it
be known to-day that they will not be
stampeded into hasty action in granting
a bonus to the soldiers by the
adverse criticism of Democrats who
are making political capital out of the
fact that the President referred only
incidentally to the subject in his an-
nual message.

That the majority party in Congress
intends to take care of the soldiers at
this session is a foregone conclusion,
providing the ways and means can be
found to raise the vast sum needed
for the purpose without seriously crippling
industry.

Leaders on both sides of Congress
declare the situation as regards the
bonus remains unsettled and undeter-
mined. The course of action on that
mooted question has not crystallized to
a point where it is possible to make a
public announcement, is the way the
leaders sized up the matter.

The Democrats are making the most
of the delay in Congress over the
soldiers' relief measure, impugning all
sorts of dishonorable motives to the
Republicans. For instance, Repre-
sentative Gallivan (Mass.) declared in
the House that the latest plan of the
Republicans is to pass the bonus bill
in June so that the first payment will
be made to the soldiers on the eve of
the Congressional election. The only
obstacle in the way of that pro-
gramme, he added, is the possibility
that the Republicans will adopt a pen-
sion insurance plan being worked out
by a member of the Cabinet.

Unrest Over Bonus Bill.

"It is contemptible for the Democrats
to use a psychological situation to fix
their political fences by making absurd
promises to the soldiers and offering
hope which they could not fulfil if in
power," said a leading Republican.

It must be admitted that there is con-
siderable unrest among some of the Re-
publican members of the House over the
delay over the bonus bill. Fear is ex-
pressed by many members that it will
be a serious handicap to their reelection,
as it provides a strong if deceptive
weapon for the opponents.

On the other hand many Republican

leaders are convinced that if the true
facts are presented to the voters the
party in power will be commended in-
stead of censured for deferring pay-
ments for the soldiers until a time when
the condition of the Treasury can stand
the strain.

To support that view it was pointed
out that in the last election a deter-
mined fight was made against Repre-
sentative Walsh (Mass.) for his oppo-
sition to the bonus bill and he was re-
turned to Congress by an increased ma-
jority. He went before the electorate
and openly admitted his opposition to
the bonus on the ground that such ac-
tion then would almost bankrupt the
country.

Conditions may so shape themselves
in Congress that the Republicans may
be forced to go before their constituents
and defend their failure to provide funds
for the soldiers. However, it is hoped
by Republican leaders that some such
plan can be evolved out of the funding
bill by which a part of the interest on
the foreign debt can be diverted to the
relief of the soldiers, so that the finan-
cial structure of this country would not
feel the strain.

Make Return to Caucus.

In response to the appeal made by
President Harding in his message to the
effect that the party in power should
assume full responsibility for legisla-
tion and determine upon a policy of sup-
plement campaign measures by a strong
likelihood that the Republican
leaders in Congress will go back to the
old caucus system, which was discarded
some years ago, following the unhor-
sable Joe Cannon as Speaker.

It will be recalled that in the days
when Cannon reigned supreme in the
House caucuses were held frequently
and it was charged that action in the
House on important measures was more
or less perfunctory. Considerable op-
position to that system developed and it
was made an issue in political campaigns
and reached its height in 1912, when
the "progressive" succeeded in splitting
the Republican party wide open.

To placate that opposition the Republi-
can leaders abandoned the caucus and
"conferences" were substituted at which
were held free and full discussion of
pending questions with no votes binding.

In the meantime the Democrats held
to the caucus idea and have been able
to keep their voters in line. On the other
hand the Republicans have been going
along of late years, it was pointed out
by some of the leaders, like a ship without a rudder, which ac-
counts to a great extent for the failure
of the last session to redeem the party
pledges and carry out the suggestions
made by President Harding in his mes-
sage calling the extra session.

Furthermore, because of the lack of
the party caucus "blobs" have developed
in both branches of Congress, which
have indeed blocked the programme of
the leaders and made it impossible for
them to carry out their promises and
enact important legislation.

While President Harding in his ap-
peal for team work uses the word con-
ference instead of caucus, leaders are
disposed to believe that he had in mind
the functions of the old time caucus and
that such a system must be evolved in
Congress to expedite the important pro-
gramme ahead and carry out the party
pledges.

HARDING URGES BUREAU OF AIR NAVIGATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—President Har-
ding transmitted to Congress to-day the
annual report of the National Advisory
Committee for Aeronautics with the
recommendation that a bureau for the
regulation and development of air nav-
igation be established in the Department
of Commerce as proposed by the com-
mittee.

"I think there can be no doubt," the
President stated in a message which
accompanied the report, "that the de-
velopment of aviation will become of
great importance for the purposes of
commerce as well as national defence.
Aviation is destined to make great
strides and I believe that America, its
birthplace, can and should be foremost
in its development."

"I therefore urge upon the Congress
the advisability of giving heed to the
recommendations of the committee, the
first and most important of which is
that a bureau be established in the De-
partment of Commerce for the regula-
tion and development of air navigation."

SHIP DOGS SAVE GIRL CLIMBING FOR DOLL

Child Mounted Rail After Toy,
When Police Animals Pulled
Her Back.

The steamship Gdanek of the Polish-
American Line arrived in New York
yesterday from Danzig, carrying six-
teen passengers, all under 18 years and
orphans, who were being sent to rela-
tives or friends in this country. It took
thirteen days to make the voyage, an-
d Captain A. M. Peterson said it was the
roughest crossing he ever made, with the
wind reaching a velocity of 120
miles an hour last Thursday. The bad
weather kept up throughout the trip,
and on Tuesday night off Nantucket the
waves swept over the bridge and
smashed the windows of the pilot house.

The children on board, many of whom
were very young, were taken care of
by three police dogs belonging to Cap-
tain Peterson, which always make the voy-
age with him. Five of the children are
members of the family of Brindell Zab-
rowski of Philadelphia, and range in
age from Brindell, Jr., who is 15, to
Zeata, who is 7. Some one gave
Zeata a handsome doll just before she
got aboard the ship at Danzig and un-
wittingly let it get out of her arms dur-
ing the voyage.

About the third day out, however,
Zeata leaned too far over the rail of
the vessel and her doll slipped from her
arms and fell toward the sea. It caught
on a nail. She started to climb over
the railing, but had just thrown her
leg over when Thyris, one of the police
dogs, which was an almost constant
companion of the child, grabbed her
clothing in his teeth and held on. The
other dogs began barking and Zeata
began screaming and Panser Enrique
Schlatter got there in time to prevent
the child from going overboard into
the sea. Zeata was dragged back on
board and lectured so severely that
turning the remainder of the trip she
stuck close to the centre of the deck.
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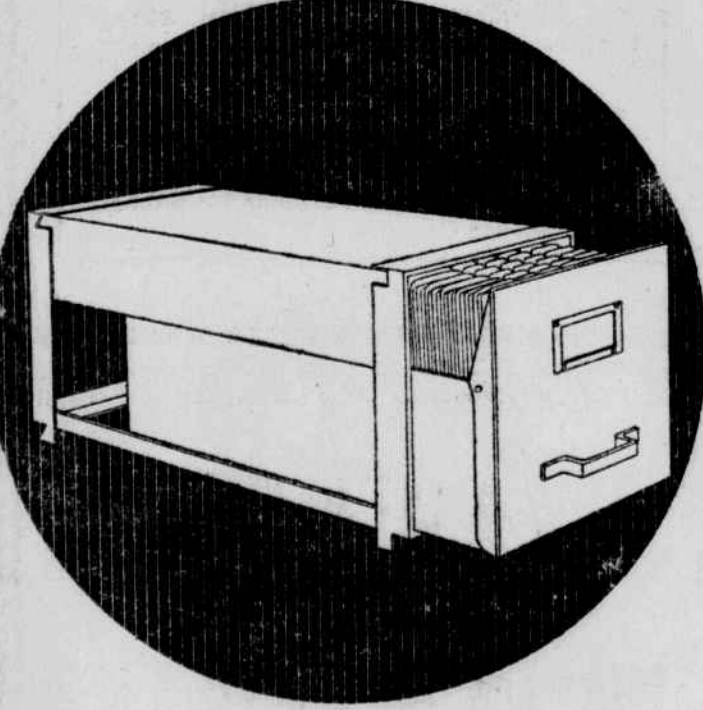
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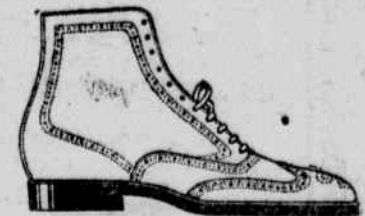
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